

As a happy subscriber to independent ISPs for over a decade, I feel it very important that they not be crushed under the heel of the RBOCs. When RBOCs have got into the ISP business, they have provided least-common-denominator service and have tended to act like, well, telecom monopolies. We really need you to watch these guys, to make sure they don't use their power over the infrastructure to price their competition out of the market. How could an ISP survive if an RBOC charges \$30/month per DSL subscriber? It's part of the trust we put in you, to keep these guys from driving independent ISPs out of business and turning the ISP landscape into a wasteland :^<